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The direct line of descent from

JOHN GILMORE

The Massachusetts Immigrant Ancestor to

PASCAL PEARL GILMORE

And his grandchildren etc.

ALSO

The same in the corresponding lines of
Pearl, Coombs and Spofford.

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TO

MY WIFE, MY DAUGHTER

AND MY GRANDCHILDREN

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PREFACE

For more than half a century the author has been collecting material for this brief ancestral record, has traveled many, many miles and been to much expense aside from the time, thought and patience essential in such pursuits. Accuracy has been the watchword, and all other features secondary. But for this persistent research there would have been missing links that never could have been supplied.

The showing of a direct and unbroken line of descent from the immigrant ancestors of the four families of Gilmore, Pearl, Coombs and Spofford, covering a period of nearly three hundred years is unique, and will we think, be appreciated. Perhaps it is superfluous to say that this comes far short of our dream of fifty years ago, although in some respects it equals or exceeds the original idea.

Some have been included who logically had no place, but are mentioned, partly from sentiment and partly because reference to them might be helpful to readers or students of the future. None however, have been excluded who, considering the scope of the work, had a right to appear in these pages.

We incline to the opinion that genealogy should be taught in schools or in places accessible to the public. We belive it would make for a better citizenship, for the stability of our institutions and for the perpetuity of the government itself.

Without further comment and without apology, this modest volume is submitted for the benefit of those related, for the consideration of all interested, and finally for a renewed interest in these matters by the ever widening circle of posterity.

June 24, 1925 PASCAL P. GILMORE

Elmira, b Aug. 12, 1817; Amanda b Aug. 15, 1821; Phebe Coombs b July 19, 1822. Eunice Field b May 6, 1824; Merritt b Oct. 6, 1826; David b Nov. 6, 1828; California 1852. Nancy L. b March 21, 1830; Albert Franklin b May 6, 1834; California 1850. Otis b Aug. 28, 1838; Captain in Civil War. Postmaster at Brewer, Me. for quite a period. Byron Cushing, b Holden, Me. May 30, 1840. Served two years in Second Reg't. Me. Vols. in Civil War. Deputy Provost Marshal in Bangor, Me., fall and winter of 1863-1864. Later Captain Co. F, Thirty-first Reg't. Me. Vols Killed in front of Petersburg, Va., June 30, 1864.

The following is from the Adjutant General's Report for the State of Maine, 1864-1865, Vol. 1, Page 370:

"This lamented officer entered the service as a private, enlisting in Co. G, 2nd Regiment Infantry, in which he served until the regiment was mustered out in June, 1863. Meanwhile, for conspicuous merit, he was promoted to be a sergeant.

He again entered the service in April, 1864, as 1st Lieut. Co. F, 31st Regiment, and after Capt. Currier was wounded, was furthur promoted to be Captain. He served with his company until July 30th, 1864, when he was killed while gallantly leading it and doing his utmost for the success of the day. No more valient officer than Capt. Byron C. Gilmore ever left the State of Maine."

Tyrrel, b Holden, Me. July 12, 1815; d Dedham, Me. May 28, 1890, m 1st June 6, 1842, Lucinda M. Houston, Belfast, Me., d April 28, 1843; m 2nd May 2, 1844, Mary Wood Pearl, West Boxford, Mass., b July 10, 1815, d Dedham, Me. March 25, 1888. He was a farmer and school teacher and from 1860 to 1870 carried on blacksmithing at Dedham Village. Tyrrel Gilmore and his wife (Mary W. Pearl) took a lively interest in educational matters also in the leading issues of their times. Both

were active, consistent and devout members of the Dedham, Me. Congregational church.

The children of Tyrrel and Mary W. (Pearl) Gilmore, all b in Dedham, Me. are as follows:

Pascal Pearl, b June 24, 1845. Attended common schools and East Maine Conference Seminary, Bucksport, m October 25, 1881, Alma Maria Hart of Holden, Me. who was b July 28, 1859. Her great grandfather, Jacob Hart, of Walpole, Mass., was a sergeant in the war of the Revolution. Her grandfather was Samuel K. and father Dea. Henry Thomas Hart, of Holden, Me. Alma is descended on the maternal side, through her mother, Lauretta S. (Wiswell) Hart, and her grandmother Silence Lane (Copeland) Wiswell, with John Alden and Priscilla (Molines or Mullins) Alden of Mayflower fame. See Pilgrim Alden, page 123. Mrs. Gilmore's oldest sister, Alice Lauretta Hart, was b March 18, 1858. One brother, Walter Lincoln, b April 30, 1865, and youngest sister Lelia Copeland Hart, b May 3, 1863, d Dec. 27, 1907.

"Taking part on the Peninsula in the summer of 1862 under Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan as in later campaigns which ended with Appomattox, Col. Pascal P. Gilmore had to do with stirring events. He early learned that truth is stranger than fiction. His entire service in the Civil war was in the army of the Potomac, principally with the Sixteenth Reg't. Maine Infantry Vols:--Charles W. Tilden, Colonel--and Fifth Army Corps commanded by Maj. Gen. Gouverneur K. Warren, one of the most able and efficient officers developed by that great conflict. Mr. Gilmore was not off duty a single day during his term of enlistment; wounded in the face at the battle of Dabney's Mill, Va., February 6, 1865; promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of White Oak Road, March 31 and Five Forks, Va. April 1, 1865. Saw President Lincoln at the front, near Fort Stedman, March 25, 1865. Marched twenty-nine miles with his Corps April 8. Present at

Appomattox April 9, 1865 and saw the flag of truce brought in which signified the surrender of Lee and close of the war. On Grand Review at Washington, D. C. May 23 and 24, 1865.

Lumber Inspector in Michigan, 1867-1871. Farmer and Conveyancer in Maine 1871-1891. Ch Selectmen, etc Dedham, Me., ten years; Supt. Schools fifteen years; Member Me. House of Representatives, 1875-1883; State Senator, 1891. State Liquor Commissioner 1891-1896. State Treasurer 1907-1911. President of Bucksport National Bank sixteen years; on board of directors twenty-five years.

Col. Gilmore has the unusual record of having visited every town in Maine. First Commander of W. L. Parker Past, G. A. R., Dedham, Me. Colonel on Staff of Gen. Wilmar W. Blackmar, Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic, (U. S.) 1904-1905. Congregationalist; Knights Templar and 32 Scottish Rite Mason."

Biographical Sketches

Myron Tyrrel, b January 11, 1847; attended common schools and E. M. C. Seminary, Bucksport. In Civil War, clerk of Company B Fifteenth Reg't. Me. Infantry Vols: and only eighteen years of age at time of discharge. 1886 m Mary (Parker) Spofford, who died January 1918. Mr. Gilmore is President of the prosperous San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, San Diego, Calif. Standing high in his native town, he now enjoys the same reputation in his adopted city, being a man of exceptional ability and rare personal worth.

John Everett, b Dec. 4, 1843; Timber Estimator and Timberland Expert. Residence, Minneapolis, Minn. m March 11, 1878 Nellie Day, who was b in Wesley, Me., March 29, 1856 and d in Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 5, 1923.

Francis Henry, b May 3, 1852. Farmer. d February 16, 1912. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Wagoner, Okla.

m Nov 10, 1883, Hannah Lucetta Cole, b Neceda, Wis., July 6, 1864, d at Wagoner, Okla., Dec. 9, 1918.

George Albert, b October 18, 1853. Mechanical Engineer. d Fergus Falls, Minn., May 23, 1889. Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Fergus Falls.

Mary Adelaide, b January 24, 1862, m Nov. 24, 1886, Willis F. Hart, M. D. of Camden, Maine.

Child of Pascal P. and Alma M. Gilmore, Madge b Dedham, Me., Dec. 15, 1884. Married Hon. Raymond Fellows of Bangor, Attorney General of Maine, 1925.

Child of John E. and Nellie (Day) Gilmore, Sadie, b Minneapolis, Minn., April 25, 1879. Married Howard Buker Upton, Nov. 11, 1899.

Children of Francis H. and Hannah Lucetta Gilmore, Clifton Judd b Orwell, Minn., January 27, 1885. Glenn Lucius, b Orwell, Minn., October 10, 1887. Reginald Webster, b Scambler, Minn., Sept. 22, 1889. Margaret Frances b Orwell, Minn., January 16, 1892. Clive Madison, b in Pelican, Minn., June 21, 1894. Clive was in the World War. Enlisted in World War, at Muskogee, Okla., Oct. 31, 1917. Sworn in at Fort Logan, Col., Nov. 4, 1917. Member of the 253 Aerial Service Squadron, at the time of its organization. Stationed at Lake Charles, La. about eight months. Worked up to Crew Chief and Hangar Chief ranking as Sergeant. Discharged at Camp Pike, Arkansas, January 27, 1919.

Children of Mary A. (Gilmore) and Dr. Willis F. Hart; Fred Willis, b Camden, Me., Dec. 1, 1889. Frank Messenger, b Camden, Me., January 29, 1899.

Children of Madge (Gilmore) and Raymond Fellows, all b in Bangor, Me. Margaret b Nov. 22, 1909, Rosalie, b May 10, 1913, Frank b Nov. 26, 1914.

Child of Sadie (Gilmore) and Howard Buker Upton, Howard Gilmore Upton, b Minneapolis, Minn., March 16, 1907.

Child of Clifton Judd, and Lura Weimer Gilmore, Margaret Haise, b June 5, 1924.

Children of Glenn Lucius and Flora Gertrude (Miller) Gilmore, William Frederick b Wagoner, Okla., July 25, 1910. Glenn Lucius Jr. b in Wagoner, Okla., August 12, 1914. Frances Lucetta b in Wagoner, Okla., Dec. 29, 1922.

Children of Reginald Webster and Della Amelia (Chowning) Gilmore, Thomas Eugene b Wagoner, Okla., Dee. 14, 1911, Edna Pauline, b in Wagoner, Okla., January 16, 1916.

Children of Margaret Frances (Gilmore) and Charles Sanford Wood, Myron Gilmore, b Wilson, Okla. Dec. 11, 1921. Margaret Elizabeth b Wilson, Okla., August 23, 1924.

Child of Fred W. and Annie (Sanders) Hart, Mary Gilmore, b Camden, Me., March 1, 1918.

PEARL

The first Pearl known in this line was Alice Pearl (widow) Skidby, Beverly Park, Yorkshire, England. Her husbands given name is not known.

John, son of Alice, b 1630, was the immigrant ancestor coming to America about 1670. m Elizabeth Holmes of Rowley, Mass. d about 1720.

Richard, of Bradford, Mass., b May 20, 1702. m Sarah Stevens of Andover, Mass. d West Boxford, Mass., Dec. 20, 1793.

John, b April 27, 1739 A soldier of the Colonial wars also of the Revolution was a patriot of heroic mould. m Eunice Kimball of West Boxford, Mass. Marched to Lexington, on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Saw "Varied service" over a period of eight years. d West Boxford, Dec. 17, 1825 aged eighty-six.

Peter, b West Boxford, Mass., Aug. 19, 1791; d July 20, 1874. Farmer and shoe maker. Member of the West Parish Company of Foot in 1812. m Rebecca, dau of Samuel and Deborah (Robinson) Spofford of Georgetown, Mass. Rebecca was b Portland, Me., Dec. 9, 1794, d in West Boxford, March 25, 1877.

Mary Wood, b West Boxford, Mass., July 10, 1815, d Dedham, Me., March 25, 1888. m Tyrrel Gilmore of Dedham, Me., May 2, 1844.

Pascal Pearl Gilmore, b June 24, 1845. See Gilmore Gen.

Madge Gilmore, b Dedham, Me., Dec. 15, 1884. m Hon. Raymond Fellows of Bangor, Me. Children of Madge and Raymond Fellows, Margaret, Rosalie, Frank.

For further data see "Some of John Pearl's Descendants" by Alice Heath (Fairbanks) Dow, Braintree, Mass., also memoranda in safe of Pascal P. Gilmore.

COOMBS

Anthony Coombs. Immigrant ancestor. French Huguenot. b probably about 1650. Settled in Plymouth county Mass., later in Newburyport. m Dorcas Woodin, 1688.

Lieutenant Peter, New Meadows, Brunswick, Me. Baptized August 18, 1691. d 1768.

Peter 2nd. Member First Church,

George, New Meadows, Brunswick, Me. m Abigail Berry, April 1, 1741.

Benjamin, Poland, Me., m Deborah Strout. Spent their last days with David and Sally (Coombs) Gilmore. Both buried at Holden, Me., near Hart's Corner. Benjamin is listed among the owners and tenants of taxable land in Poland, Me., October 1788. Page 127, Vol. 1, of Maine Historical and Genealogical Record . Abigail, dau of Benjamin, m John Allen who served in Revolutionary war also in war of 1812. Headstones in N. E. cor. Central Cemetery, Dedham, Me.

Sally. b Poland, Me., April 6, 1794, m David Gilmore, of Holden, Me., d January 20, 1876.

Tyrrel Gilmore m Mary Wood Pearl of West Boxford, Mass.

Pascal Pearl Gilmore, m Alma M. Hart of Holden, Me.

Madge Gilmore, m Hon. Raymond Fellows, of Bangor, Me. Children, Margaret, Rosalie and Frank

In Vol. 3, Genealogy and Family History of Maine by Little, we find the following relative to the immigrant ancestor:

"This ancestor, Anthony Coombs, is said to have been of one of the best French families, and by his father was designed for a priest, but his noble spirit revolted at the restrictions laid upon the priesthood. He soon found that an old friend of his had a portion of the English Bible which he diligently read in secret. He was so impressed by the faith and sincerity of this old man, and by what he read in the Bible that he determined to become an earnest christian, though he knew that the discovery of this purpose meant death for him. At length he ventured to talk about this with his mother, and found that she had the same ideas which had made his life have such a new meaning. She aided him with money and means to escape on a vessel to America, though she well knew that she might never look again on the face of this beloved son. No wonder that with such an ancestry as this, the members of the Coombs family through long generations, have been men and women of noblest thought and christian faith."

SPOFFORD

The tradition in England as well as in America is, that Spofford is derived from Spaw meaning mineral or spring of water, and ford a passage over or through it. The name in England was frequently spelled Spofforth. The name dates back to Nicholaus De Spauford in 1265:

The Spofford, Pearl and Gilmore line, as connected with the Spoffords, is clear from John Spofford who came to America in 1638, m Elizabeth Scott of Ipswich, Mass., settled in Rowley where they remained for thirty years then removed to "Spofford Hill" Georgetown, Mass. According to the Spofford pamphlet in Maine State Library, Elizabeth Scott, wife of John Spofford the imigrant ancestor, was also born in England.

The following includes the Spofford, Pearl and Gilmore lines:

John Spofford, immigrant ancestor, b 1620, m Elizabeth Scott.

Samuel Spofford, b January 31, 1653. m Sarah Birkbee or Bisbee, Dec. 5, 1676.

Samuel Spofford, m Sarah Stickney. of Bradford, Mass., June 17, 1717.

Amos Spofford, b Aug. 9, 1729. m Abigail Pearl, March 7, 1754. Settled in West Boxford, Mass.

Samuel Spofford, b July 14, 1764. m Deborah Robinson, October 6, 1793. She was of Andover and they settled in Andover. This Samuel was drowned in Great pond, Andover.

Rebecca Spofford, b Portland, Me., Dec. 9, 1794, m Peter Pearl of West Boxford, March 14, 1813.

Mary Wood (Pearl) b West Boxford, July 10, 1815, d Dedham, Me., March 25, 1888. m Tyrrel Gilmore of Dedham, Me.

Pascal Pearl Gilmore, b June 24, 1845. m Alma Hart, of Holden, Me.

Madge (Gilmore) Fellows m Hon. Raymond Fellows, of Bangor, Me. Their children are Margaret, Rosalie and Frank.

ADDENDA

The first Gilmore of record was John who defended the Earl of Argyle in 1500.

Admiral Gilmore of Scotland was a relative of ours.

There is a Gilmore hill in Glasgow.

The Mass. Gilmores of whom John was the immigrant ancestor, settled in Raynham. Good authorities hold that Robert, head of the N. H. line, was a brother of John. He settled in Londonderry, N. H. Both came to America about the same time.

A later John died from the effects of influenza contracted in crossing the Delaware with Washington.

Down to the close of the Revolutionary War, our name was generally spelled Gillmor as the records show that my great grandfather Samuel wrote his name in that way while in the Continental army. Since then, in the eastern states, it has been written Gilmore. As we are of Scotch origin my opinion is that it should be Gilmour, but after such a lapse of time it would hardly be wise to change again.

It is related of the immigrant John, that he was coming from New Jersey with a vessel but lost his Captain and had to depend on his own resources, though having practically no education and not a seaman. However he brought the cargo into port all right and when asked how he did it said, "I followed the stars and good judgement."

Vols., June 18, 1864. He was brevetted Brigadier General to rank from February 6, 1865, for long and meritorious service, and for gallant conduct in the battles of Dabney's Mill and Hatcher's Run. From his record in the War Department it appears that Gen. Gilmore participated with the Army of the Potomac in nineteen battles, being severely wounded at the battle of Lee's Mills, April 16, 1862, and that he served with a high degree of fidelity and with great credit to himself and the State." Adjutant Generals Report State of Maine, 1864-1865 Vol. 1.

The writer met Gen. Gilmore on the battlefield of Dabney's Mill, the evening after the engagement as he was returning to our lines after having been a prisoner for a few hours. Gen. Gilmore had a fine physique and was "every inch a man."

William Harrison Gilmore, b Fairlee, Vermont, Oct. 17, 1839; d Bradford, Vermont, April 18, 1910. A soldier of the Clvil War he served faithfully in Co. D 8th Reg't. Vermont Infantry Vols. At the time of his death he was Adjutant General of Vermont a position he had held for twelve years. Gen. William H. Gilmore was of striking appearance and fine proportions being about six feet in height and tipping the scales at 220 lbs. He closely resembled Gen. Winfield Scott, but lacked the pugnacious look of Scott. It was the compilers privilege to know the subject of this sketch intimately.

Gen. Charles D. Gilmore was in our Mass. line. Gen. Quincy Adams Gillmore and William Harrison Gilmore are related through the N. H. branch.

Valuable data is acknowledged from the following:

Cassander Gilmore Sr., Cassander Jr.,
wife Annie E. and Julia A. Raynham, Mass.

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Joseph F. Gilmore Providence, R. I.
Mrs. Gilmore Miller, Sheldonville Village, Franklin, Mass.
John Smith Gilmore, Brewer Me. and Natick, Mass.
Mrs. Nancy (Sargent) Gilmore, widow of
Col. Rufus Gilmore, Monroe, Me.
William S. Gilmore, Holden, "
Clive M. Gilmore, Pelican Rapids, Minn.
Mrs. J. M. Brown, Maiden name Gilmore, Dixmont, Me.
Mrs. John Wiswell " " " Frankfort, "
Mrs. Whitney, " " " Newburg, "
Mrs. Almeda G. Whittemore, " " Bangor, "
Evelyn Langdon Gilmore, formerly Gardner, Me.
Portland, Me.
William Prescott Greenlaw, Librarian New England
Historic Society, Boston, Mass.
Frank Storey Osgood, Newburyport, "
Edward E. Pearl, West Boxford, "
Annie F. Coombs, Vinalhaven, Me.
Col. Joseph W. Porter, Burlington, "
Hon. Parker Spofford, Bucksport, "
Mrs. Myra E. Sullivan, Bangor, "
Gerald Thompson, Dedham, "
Ethel Pinkham, Holden, "
William Whitcomb, formerly Waterboro, York Co.,
Holden, "
Prof. Edward E. Roderick, Belfast, "
State Library, Augusta, "
Bangor Public Library, Bangor, "

Belfast Free Library, Belfast, Me.
Maine Historical Society, Portland, "

We are indebted to Hon. Orson Harris Gilmore, formerly of Woodstock, McHenry county, Illinois. for vital information. He was a graduate of the law school at Ann Arbor, Mich. and for eighteen years was Judge of McHenry county. From 1890 to 1896 he was a member of the Board of Pension Appeals, Washington, D. C. He was of the N. H. line, and his son Robert Harvey, who resides in Whittier, California, was named for the immigrant ancestor.

The following is a copy of letter from Robert Harvey Gillmore, June 11, 1925.

"Orson Harris Gillmore, b St. Lawrence County, New York, June 17, 1848, son of Harvey Gillmore and Esther Sawyer Gillmore. d Chicago, Feb. 1, 1924. Buried Marengo, Illinois.

Annie Granger Gillmore, b Columbus, Michigan, July 20, 1850, dau of George Granger and Susan Crawford Granger. (See History of Granger Family.) d Rogue River, Oregon, Jan. 24, 1923. Buried Marengo, Illinois.

Robert Harvey Gillmore, son, b Woodstock, Illinois, June 7, 1888. Office 548 South Spring St., Los Angeles, res. Whittier, Calif. m Anne Mundt Gillmore, Aug. 23, 1923 in the city of Los Angeles.

My father, Judge Gillmore, was a graduate of the Law Class of 1873 at the University of Michigan, my mother, a graduate of the class of 1874. A. B. University of Michigan, I graduated in the law class of 1913, University of Michigan, my wife graduated in 1923 from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Father practiced law for many years in Illinois and later in the State of Oregon."

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